



MINUTES ATHLETIC DIRECTORS MEETING

Facilitator: Mark Tran
Location: Ygnacio Valley HS, Library
 755 Oak Grove Road, Concord, CA 94518

Date: Thursday Nov 13, 2025
Time: 8:45am

DAL MEETING NORMS; (1) The meeting will start ON TIME. (2) Minimize side bars; (3) Only one person speaks at a time; (4) There will be time limits on the agenda; (5) A vote on a motion stops discussion on that item; (6) Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

D=Discussion, P=Participation, A=Action, I=Information only, R=Review/prior topic, C=Consent

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1. Introduction and roll call (8:45-8:50) ✓Acalanes Randy Takahashi ✓Alhambra Anthony Ertola ✓Benicia Katie Caderao ✓Berean Christian LaShawn Wells ✓Campolindo Ray Meadows ✓Clayton Valley Charter Eric Bamberger ✓College Park Hurtado/Bautista ✓Concord Matt Harrod ✓Las Lomas Tim Kruger ✓Miramonte Sean Hennessey ✓Mt. Diablo Fetuao Mua ✓Northgate Ben Ballard ✓Ygnacio Valley Briana Zielinski ✓DAL: Mark Tran / Jonathan McGonagle		I	Tran	Call to order 8.48a	
2. Approval of Agenda (8:50-8:55)		RDA	Tran		Con/Aca PASSED 12-0 (no Ben)
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Oct 2, 2025 (8:55-9:00)	A	C(DA)	Tran	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rTm9MhoXtsnLaDcvEpKfsoj_i9H9d38S_yuvGdqFgio/edit?usp=sharing	Con/Aca PASSED 12-0 (no Ben)
4. Public Comment (9:00-9:05) Pursuant to Ed Code 33353.2(C), any person wishing to speak on any item on the agenda, or comment on the policies and practices of the DAL will be heard at this time.		ID	Tran	Andrew Merken observing No comment	
5. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee (9:05-9:10)		ID	Takahashi	No update	
6. CIF Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:10-9:15)			Tran		
A. CIF proposing Baseball and Softball State Championships for 2026-27		I	Tran	This may affect end dates	
7. NCS Information/Discussion/					

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Action Items (9:15-10:00)					
A. Review NCS BOM Meeting Oct 3, 2025		ID	Tran	<p>Question raised whether DAL should send the same voting representative to NCS BOM. Changing voting members year after year is putting DAL at disadvantage. It takes at least a year for the representative to understand the process.</p> <p>https://cifncs.org/governance/board-of-managers/BOM_Min_10-3-25_complete.pdf</p> <p>Football (HDNL) - Proposal to adjust the entries for the NCS Football Championships (PASSED 31-13)</p> <p>2. Winter Soccer - Proposal to establish a 4-team Open Division in boys and girls winter soccer. (PASSED 34-9)</p> <p>3. Seeding (Proposal #1) - Proposal to adjust the seeding criteria for use by Seeding Oversight Committees in competitive equity sports. (PASSED 40-3)</p> <p>4. Seeding (Proposal #2) - Proposal to allow Seeding Oversight Committees the ability to evaluate and adjust the top seed in one bracket compared to the last seed in the adjacent bracket. (PASSED 44-0)</p> <p>Seeding committee will only examine teams seeded next to each other. They will not consider teams that are seeded 2+ difference</p> <p>5. Voting Representation - Proposal to restructure NCS voting representation based on number of schools in the league. (FAILED 16-28)</p>	Tran will add to next DAL BOG agenda
B. SAC Dec 1, 2025				https://cifncs.org/governance/sports-advisory-committee/SACAGENDA12-1-25.pdf	
B.1 FOOTBALL (8-PERSON)	B	IDA	Tran	<p>Proposal to retain schools with an enrollment of 199 or less in the 8-person Division 2 football playoffs (outside of petitioning).</p> <p>-Separate divisions by enrollment even more</p> <p>-Make it so schools can't move up and down divisions for playoffs</p> <p>-Will this set more of a precedent for small schools to not move up divisions in other sports?</p> <p>-Why is 8 man football allowed to have a NCS playoff when Beach Volleyball cant?</p> <p>We have more Beach volleyball teams than 8 man teams?</p>	10-3 YES
B.2 FOOTBALL (8-PERSON)	C	IDA	Tran	<p>Proposal to exempt 8-person football from the .500 or better requirement for NCS</p>	0-13 NO Until

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				playoff eligibility. -Can we amend this to include our water polo and girls lacrosse vote? -Aca WP ranked 6 overall, but beat 2,3,5 the last two weeks of the season -GLAX 6,9 did not qualify last year	amended with other sports
B.3 FOOTBALL (TABLED ITEM FROM 8/25/25)	D	IDA	Tran	Proposal to establish an 8th Division of 11-person football.	12-0-1 YES
B.4 BASEBALL & SOFTBALL (TABLED ITEM FROM 8/25/25)	E	IDA	Tran	Proposal to cap Division 6 baseball and softball at less than 200, limiting playoff participation to only those schools within the enrollment break and as described in the attachment. -Nothing should be permanent	13-0 NO
B.5 FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS		ID	Tran	General discussion item regarding NCS Fall Championships -Flag Football needs three divisions!! w/ competitive equity model. There were teams that did not get in that deserved to get in (Car, NG). LOTS of blowouts, especially with Cardinal Newman -Water Polo Open worked out well -Volleyball Open worked out well. -WHY ARE WE MAKING FOOTBALL BYLAW CHANGES MID SEASON?!?!	
8. DAL Information/Discussion/ Action Items (10:00-11:50)					
A. 2025 Winter Sports Levels Offered		ID	Tran	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Aclps_Ruj66HQS0bCCNRxsn-NBIQ1ROirptuTFcfGOs/edit?usp=sharing -AD's agreed final declaration two weeks after the first day of the start of the season, Sunday Nov 16 -All changes after Nov 16 will be emailed to DAL	
B. DAL Preseason Coaches Meetings for Winter Sports 1. Basketball - McGonagle 2. Soccer - Tran 3. Wrestling - Takahashi		IDA I I	McGonagle Tran Takahashi	1. Add to guidelines (1) only DAL Stats counts for ALL DAL (2) IF you use stats, they need to be transparent 2. Nothing 3. Boys Valley, switch W1 and W2 for Acalanes. Berean Christian WILL replace Campolindo on the DAL Girls Wrestling Schedule. Changes made and posted on DAL website	12-1 YES
C. DAL Fall Sports Postseason Meetings	F G	I	Tran	2025 List of DAL Fall Champions 2025 Fall All DAL Selections	

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C1. Girls Golf		ID	McGonagle	<p>Request bylaw changes:</p> <p>-(11-0) YES To change bylaw 3.2.2 to read throughout "Out of Bounds/Lost Ball". Not just out of bounds.</p> <p>-(11-0) YES To change bylaw 3.4 to read "Only 2 coaches per team" instead of just one.</p> <p>-(11-0) YES To change bylaw 3.13 to read "Asking for advice, however, is prohibited as described in Section 10.2 in the USGA Rules of Golf. Advice is defined as any verbal comment or action (such as showing what club was used to make a stroke) that is intended to influence a player in choosing a club, making a stroke, or deciding how to play during a hole or round." Instead of just saying club selection, cross out club selection.</p>	Ben/Aca PASSED 13-0 all proposals
C2. Girls Tennis		IDA	Tran	<p>Request bylaw changes:</p> <p>-(11-1) YES Add general language stating lineup to match NCS UTR bylaw</p> <p>-(9-1-2) YES Proposal to change the DAL Championship format to match the EBAL with 3 divisions: singles, doubles and open doubles. The ALL DAL honors will be determined by the results of the DAL Championships</p>	<p>Con/Aca PASSED 13-0</p> <p>Aca/CVC PASSED 13-0</p>
C3. Girls Volleyball		IDA	McGonagle	Nothing	
C4. Water Polo		IDA	Tran	No recommendations. FH coaches said the DAL Tourney helped ALL teams with rankings	
C5. Football		IDA	McGonagle	Coaches request adding/updating the overtime verbiage in DAL Sport Bylaws to match NCS, NHFS	
C6. Flag Football		IDA	Tran	<p>-Coaches proposal to amend bylaw 5.1.1, recommending 4-5 officials for games</p> <p>-Tim contacted NCS regarding possible playoff changes for next season, Pat says No plan for competitive equity and no plan for 3 divisions</p> <p>-Can we have an Overall MVP and O MVP and D MVP. This would mirror DAL Soccer</p> <p>Can we have a Special Teams MVP?</p> <p>Pair tackle and Flag for equity purposes.</p>	<p>Aca/No 2 FAILED</p> <p>Tran will research all DAL sports and brief next meeting</p>
C7. Cross Country - Zoom		ID	Tran	Coaches proposed a 9.00a start time for DAL Championships. (Coaches passed	CVC/NG PASSED

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				6-3-1) The 1.00p start is too hot. Negative is it may impact SAT takers	12-1
D. 2026 Fall Sports Schedules				Directions on creating next year's schedules Results of the draw for ALL 2026 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES: 1. NG 8. LL 2. BEN 9. CAM 3. MIR 10. ALH 4. CP 11. YV 5. CVC 12. BC 6. MD 13. CON 7. ACA	
D1. Girls Golf		IDA	Tran	Coaches request status quo	Aca/Mir PASSED 13-0
D2. Girls Tennis		IDA	Tran	Coaches request status quo	Con/BC PASSED 13-0
D3. Girls Volleyball	H	IDA	Tran	Benicia request moving from Foothill to Valley -Ben move from FH to Valley	CVC/Ben PASSED 13-0
D4. Water Polo		IDA	Tran	CP boys and NG girls request moving from Foothill to Valley Coaches prefer single round robin w/ or w/o DAL Tournament Both divisions in favor of DAL Tourney FHB 5 yes, 1 no FHG 2 yes, 2 no DAL will create a schedule for both divisions for playoffs	NG/CVC PASSED 13-0
D5. Football	I	IDA	Tran	Three divisions with 4/5/4 setup with crossovers. NO week 10 bowl game. Crossovers before divisional games Acalanes Northgate Concord Campolindo Las Lomas Alhambra CVC Miramonte Berean Benicia Mt Diablo YV College Park	Aca/CP PASSED 13-0 Aca/MD PASSED 13-0
D6. Cross Country		IDA	Tran	Aca Coach request moving from FH to Valley due to competitive equity Status quo with 9a start for DAL Championships	Con/Aca PASSED 13-0 Con/BC PASSED 13-0
D7. Flag Football	J	IDA	Tran	Earlier start time 6:00, 7:30 Status quo	LL/Alh PASSED 13-0

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E. General discussion on NCS realignment		ID	Tran	-League needs a minimum of 6 teams for 2 voting rights while each division within a league has to have a minimum of 4 teams. Therefore it doesn't make a difference if DAL split into two league and get 2 more votes. For superleagues to break up, all our leagues need to do so	
G. Seniors playing sub-level sports		IDA	Webber Wells	1. Benicia. Special needs student playing Boys JV basketball. 2. Berean Christian. 3 seniors playing Boys JV Basketball. Students were cut from Varsity. JV roster is full and there would be an advantage in competition with these players	Con/CVC PASSED 13-0 BC/LL 1-12
9. Future Agenda Items (11:50-11:53) A. 2026 Fall DAL Sports Schedules B. 2025/26 Winter sports C. General discussion on NCS Realignment		I	Tran		
10. Upcoming Meetings (11:53-11:55) A. NCS Eligibility Committee Weds Nov 19 @ NCS Office 9:30a (Hennessy) B. SAC Mon Dec 1 @ NUSD 8:30am (Kleinschmidt/Tran) C. DAL AD Thurs Dec 11 @ YVHS 8:45am D. BOG Thurs Jan 22 @ Alhambra Principals/ADs 8:45am, AD 10:45am E. NCS BOM Fri, Jan 23 @ AUSD 8:45am (Bamberger/Mackinnon/Tran)		I	Tran		
11. Announcements (11:55-12:00) ___ Acalanes ___ Alhambra ___ Benicia ___ Berean Christian ___ Campolindo ___ Clayton Valley Charter ___ College Park ___ Concord ___ Las Lomas ___ Miramonte ___ Mt. Diablo ___ Northgate ___ Ygnacio Valley		ID	Tran	-Alhambra boys tennis -Benicia girls tennis -Berean Christian boys tennis adding -College park boys water polo coach -For Postseason meetings, each team can designate 1 speaker	
12. Adjournment (12:00)		A	Tran	Adjourned 12.18p	